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TITLE: EXERCISE MACHINE COMPRISING TWO HAND GRIPS WHICH ARE PROVIDED WITH A DAMPING DEVICE

Amendment A: REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendments, Claims 1-3 remain in this case. Claims 4-11 are canceled in the present amendment. Reconsideration of the rejections, in light of the forgoing amendments and present remarks, is respectfully requested. The present amendments have been entered for the purpose of placing the application into a proper condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, an election was required between the patentably distinct species of the present invention. In particular, election was required between the subject matter of Species I, namely Figures 1 - 4; Species II, namely Figure 5; Species III, namely Figure 6; Species IV namely Figure 7; and Species V namely Figures 8-12. The Examiner has considered that Claim 1 is generic to all species.

Applicant herein elects the subject matter of Species I, namely Figures 1 - 4. The claims that are readable on this elected Species are Claims 1 - 3. Claims 4-11 appear to read on the non-elected Species of different dampening devices. Applicant notes that the Examiner may also suggest the inclusion of any of Claims 4-11 as deemed necessary.

Applicant respectfully contends that a Official Action on the merits is in order and such is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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